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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: the Reissue Patent Application of:

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For: **"CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT HANGER/HOLDER"**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following changes to the specification and claims to effect correction to clerical errors present in the issued patent. Also, please add the following new claims to broaden the scope of protection to which Applicants feel they are entitled. No new matter is being added.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the second paragraph of DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART

at column 1, lines 15-16 and insert the following:

U.S. Pat. No. 5,168,985 to Shih discloses a box [which] with a lift up stand for holding jewelry.

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